

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Owens, Gordon, Hoselton, Renner, Segobiano, and Bostic

Members Absent: Members Selzer and Nuckolls

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Administrative Services Director; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator - Eleventh Circuit Court

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, County Auditor's Office; Ms. Lisa Pieper, Regional Vice President, Children's Home and Aid Society; Ms. Teresa Kelly, Children's Home and Aid Society

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the June 10, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting and the May 20, 2008 Stand-up Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Renner to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Committee Meeting and the May 20, 2008 Stand-Up Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Appointments to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Appointments as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Sorensen introduced Mr. George Wendt who is seeking appointment to the District #3 County Board seat.

Mr. Wendt stated that he appreciates the opportunity to represent District #3 on the County Board. He advised that the Republican Precinct Committeeman for District #3, which represents approximately 3,000 Republican primary voters, gave him the honor of being their nominee in the November election for this seat. Mr. Wendt indicated that he is looking forward to meeting the voters of District #3 so that he can get an understanding of the type of governance they would expect from their County Board representative.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Wendt. He announced that the Board will be asked to vote on this appointment at the July 22nd County Board meeting.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, announced that the Land Use and Development Committee did not meet on Thursday, July 3rd. He indicated that the bills will be considered at a Stand-up Meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd prior to the Board Meeting.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee did not meet on Thursday, July 3rd. She indicated that the bills will be considered at a Stand-up Meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd prior to the Board Meeting.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, reported that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He noted that the Transportation Committee approved, this morning, the items being presented to the Board on July 22nd.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hoselton.

Mr. Ben Owens, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between McLean County and The McLean County Bar Association for Administrative and Clerical Services for the Law Library – Circuit Court.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between McLean County and The McLean County Bar Association for Administrative and Clerical Services for the Law Library – Circuit Court.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or observations. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031.

Motion by Renner/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Grant Extension of \$134,021.00 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Renner/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Grant Extension of \$134,021.00 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the Sheriff's Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Crime Detection Network of McLean County Grant of \$6,248.00 for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Renner/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Crime Detection Network of McLean County Grant of \$6,248.00 for the Sheriff's Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner advised that, at its July 1st meeting, the Justice Committee recommended approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board increasing the Filing Fee in all civil cases to fund the Neutral Site Custody Exchange Program of the Family Visitation Center which is operated by the Children's Foundation.

Mr. Renner reported that the Children's Foundation is asking that the filing fee be increased to \$8.00 to support the Supervised Visitation Center. He noted that Board members have expressed concerns in the past for adding filing fees. For that reason, Mr. Renner asked Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator – Eleventh Circuit Court, as well as Ms. Lisa Pieper, Regional Vice President, Children's Home and Aid Society and Ms. Teresa Kelly, Children's Home and Aid Society to attend this meeting to answer any questions from members of the Committee.

Mr. Segobiano requested that the County Administrator's Office prepare a report on all of the fees imposed on court cases when the budget is adopted.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Renner.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, reviewed the recommendations received from Mr. Robert A. Kearney. He noted that, at the County Board meeting last month, the Board, by formal motion, forwarded the recommendations that were received from Mr. Robert Kearney to the County Administrator's Office for follow-up and referral to the appropriate oversight committee. Mr. Zeunik indicated that the Memorandum presents a status report on the following:

- Where we are;
- What areas we have the ability to work on in concert with the oversight committees;
- What areas fall to the purview of the County Board.

Mr. Gordon had some questions on specific wording in the report, including:

- The use of the phrase "stacks the deck";
- The use of the words "him" and "her."

Mr. Zeunik replied that the term and words come directly from Mr. Kearney's report as it was written.

Mr. Gordon recommended that, when the language is incorporated into Board action, the phrase "stacks the deck" be put in quotes and the reference to "him" and "her" be changed to "him/her."

Mr. Segobiano asked if the counter-suit affects the position of the County Board in terms of this report and action the Board may take. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Board is not a party in the suit at this time. He indicated that the suit that has been filed is related to defamation and libel, and not related to the issues raised by Mr. Kearney.

Chairman Sorensen stated that the Administrator's Office has done a good job in assigning the recommendations for consideration to specific Committees. He proposed that the Rules Sub-Committee meet to consider and make a proposal to the Board on Mr. Kearney's recommendations #3, #6 and #7.

Mr. Owens advised that he will schedule a Rules Sub-Committee meeting and will invite members of the Board to attend.

Mr. Zeunik indicated that Mr. Kearney submitted a proposal to the Administrator's Office for supervisory and department head training sessions. Mr. Zeunik noted that the hourly fee, while high, can be negotiated. He stated that Mr. Kearney recommended training for first line supervisors, department heads and elected officials, particularly in the areas of employment law where the County has potentially the greatest liability.

Mr. Segobiano asked Mr. Zeunik for his recommendation of Mr. Kearney's training proposal. Mr. Zeunik replied that he believes Mr. Kearney, with his background, knowledge and experience, is the best person suited to do this type of training. He indicated that Mr. Kearney is willing to work with the Administrator's Office and the State's Attorneys Office to put together a program tailored for the County. Mr. Zeunik added that Mr. Kearney has some understanding of the issues the County faces and has knowledge of the unique organizational structure of County government. He advised that he would recommend the Committee support Mr. Kearney's proposal.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Contract Agreement between Mr. Robert Kearney and McLean County to provide Training Sessions to Department Heads and Elected Officials.

Chairman Sorensen expressed his support of a contract agreement with Mr. Kearney. However, he recommended that Mr. Kearney work with the Administrator's Office to develop a training program that the Administrator's Office can administer on a semi-annual basis. Mr. Zeunik advised that he can work with Mr. Kearney to amend the proposal to include materials and training for the Administrator's Office so that in-house staff can conduct future training sessions.

Chairman Sorensen asked the mover and second of the motion if they would agree to this amendment. Both Mr. Segobiano and Mr. Owens agreed to the proposed amendment and the motion on the table was amended as follows:

Amended Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Contract Agreement between Mr. Robert Kearney and McLean County to provide Training Sessions on Employment Law to Department Heads and Elected Officials and to work with the Administrator's Office to provide training materials and a training program that the Administrator's Office can use in the future.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen called for a motion to go into *Executive Session* to discuss personnel issues.

Motion by Bostic/Owens to Recommend the Executive Committee go into *Executive Session* at 4:53 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters with the Committee Members and the County Administrator.
Motion carried.

Motion by Segobiano/Gordon to recommend the Executive Committee return to *Open Session* at 5:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the June 30, 2008 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment, as well as a transfer of \$22,000 in Information Technologies. The Fund Total is \$459,560.42 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

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Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for June 30, 2008 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary